Tuesday, 12 April 2016: The Central Statistics Office is today launching a helpdesk and app designed to give people help and support as they prepare to make their mark in Census 2016.

According to Deirdre Cullen, CSO Senior Statistician, “The census enumerators are out delivering census forms to every home in the country and they have been trained to answer any question a householder may have. In addition, to make it as easy as possible for everyone to get information about the census and to have their questions answered, we are providing a helpdesk and we’ve developed a mobile app”.

Ms Cullen explained the importance of the census to everyone in the country: “By participating in the census, we are helping to shape our understanding about life in Ireland in 2016, and show how Ireland has changed since the last census was taken in 2011. The census is also a fundamental part of our national heritage and collective knowledge. The 2016 census will take place exactly one hundred years to the day since the Easter Rising began, and the results will be of great interest to the historians of the future as they look back and reflect on life in Ireland in 2016”.

The Census 2016 helpdesk can be called on 1850 2016 04 and an online helpdesk is available on http://census.ie/helpdesk/

The census app is available on Apple and Android and can be found by clicking on the store links on the census.ie website.

This and more information on Census 2016 can be found on www.census.ie

Follow Census 2016 on Twitter @CensusIreland and on Facebook at Census Ireland 2016.

ENDS

For further information

Paula Curtin, MKC Communications, 01 703 8612/ 087 410 9910/ paula@mkc.ie

Selene Alford, MKC Communications, 01 703 8618/ 086 022 7264/ selene@mkc.ie

Note to editors

The census is conducted by the Central Statistics Office (CSO). The CSO is an independent Office established in 1949. The census is the largest statistical operation undertaken by the CSO. The CSO is legally independent, and all of the data is collects is kept confidential.